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## **KC MAN INDICTED IN CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

**Edwin T. Gipson**, 26, of Kansas City, was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Gipson** conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between March 1, 2004, and June 30, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Gipson** distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on May 20, 2004.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Gipson** distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on May 28, 2004. In a notice of special findings for Count Three, the indictment alleges that the amount of crack cocaine distributed was at least 20 grams but not more than 35 grams.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Gipson** distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on June 9, 2004. In a notice of special findings for Count Four, the indictment alleges that the amount of crack cocaine distributed was at least 20 grams but not more than 35 grams.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department Street Narcotics Unit and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury,

whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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